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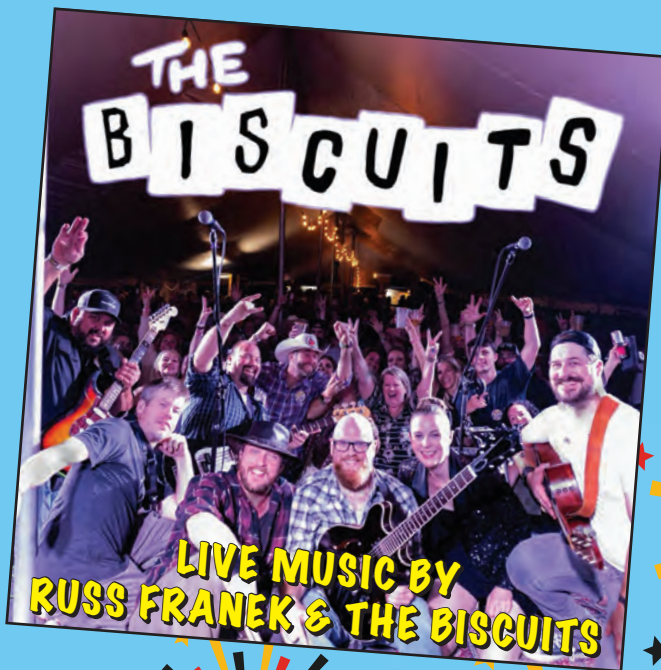
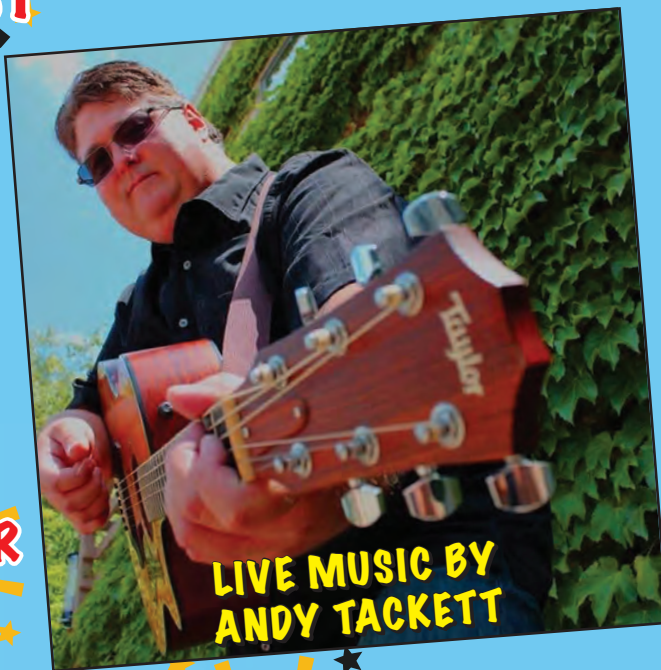
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# Welcome to Dennison Days 2025

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The Dennison Lions Club is excited to host Dennison Days coming up June 20 & 21. Because of so many summer events and festivals in the area, the decision was made last year try it a little earlier in the summer and again this year. In the event of wet weather, remember, the tents up and if there is rain, many events will still continue. Watch the facebook pages of Dennison Days, 625 and Fireside as well as the Lions Club Face Book Page for updates if needed.

The 2025 Festival will see many favorite activities returning to the weekends event schedule. New this year is the Medallion Hunt. Meet at the Mainstreet Tent by 9 AM for rules and directions. **There will be a \$100 cash prize!**

Friday night will kick off in front of 625 Bar & Grill with the Garden Tractor Pull on mainstreet and Free Live Music after at 625.

Saturday morning brings the Pancake & Egg Breakfast hosted by the Nerstrand-Dennison Fire Department and Dennison Lutheran Community Church under the tent. (In the event of and weather con-

cerns it will move inside to the Fireside Patio area)

City Wide Garage sales are also part of the days events. Just look around for the signs.

The Classic Car Show hosted by the Clutchmen Club will again be on main street across from the Fireside.

Other activities include Euchre, which will be at The Fireside Lounge this year, (In the event of bad weather, the euchre tournament may move to city hall if needed) and the Antique Tractor Pull on the north side of town.

The Cow Milking Contest and the Kids Pedal Pull are once again part of the days events. Kids Bingo under the tent will take place at 12 PM this year.

The Kids carnival will be from 1-3 pm beside city hall. In the event of challenging weather, the activities will be moved inside city hall.

The Dennison Days Parade is at 1:30 PM, with a \$100 Prize for Best Float. 625 will host a bags tournament at 2:30 pm. Purse & Gift Card Bingo at 4 pm. The Keg Toss will return at 6:30 ish, ahead of of Live Music from Russ Franek & The Biscuits, under the Mainstreet tent, with NO COVER CHARGE!

**Remember to get your Raffle Tickets as well for your chance at the \$500.00 Grand Prize. Raffle Tickets are Available at Heritage Bank, Dennison**

**Depot, Fireside Lounge, 625 Bar & Grill, or any Lions Club Member** Watch [www.dennisondays.org](http://www.dennisondays.org) for updates.

## Don't forget to buy your Dennison Days buttons!



Buttons available at Heritage Bank, Dennison Depot, Fireside, 625 Bar & Grill.

Winning numbers will be posted at Heritage Bank and on Dennison Days Facebook page.

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# Dennison Lions Club - Service to Dennison & the Surrounding Area



**What is The Dennison Lions Club?**

The Dennison Lions Club was started in Dennison Minnesota around 1977 by a group of local business owners, farmers and individuals from Dennison and the surrounding area. Local Lions clubs, like the one in Dennison are part of the larger Organization of Lions International. A Service Organization. You can learn more on line at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) Many times, in smaller towns, like Dennison, the Clubs serve not only as a service club supporting activities in the community, but also like the "chamber" to help promote events and businesses in the community. Other area clubs can be found supporting their hometowns in Goodhue, Wanamingo, Kenyon, West Concord, Mazeppa , Zumbrota , Northfield and more.

Lions Clubs international is the largest membership-based service organization in the world. With 1.4 million members in more than 49,000 clubs and serving in over 200 countries and geographic areas. Since 1917 Lions clubs have improved health and well-being, strengthened communities and supported those in need locally, regionally, nationally and globally. The Lions Clubs international motto is "we serve".

Lions clubs act as the local or regional civic organization in many small medium and larger communities all over the United States and the world. Lions International represents both the Lions Clubs International and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Lions Club International Foundation is the global foundation supporting the 1.4 million members of Lions Clubs through grant funds that expand their works and empower service at home and around the world.

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Since its founding in 1968, the foundation has awarded more than 19,000 grants totaling more than \$1.2 billion.

Locally, The Dennison Lions Club and its members work to support the Dennison area in a variety of ways. This includes awarding scholarships each year to area graduating students or making donations to families and individuals that may be experiencing a medical emergency or financial hardship. In addition to local contributions, the club supports area school activities like class field trips that help further student education. The Dennison club supports several of the larger programs Lions International works on like Lions Eye Bank program and The Leader Dog program, and also provide support to other area Non-profit groups , schools and activities that benefit the area and its residents.

The club has continually worked to support the city park in Dennison, helping get new equipment in the park for several years ago. The club also supports area fire departments and first responders, including the Nerstrand Volunteer Fire Department, which not only provides fire protection to Nerstrand, but also the City

of Dennison, area townships, and mutual aid to surrounding fire departments. The club made contributions to help expand the Nerstrand Fire Department to include keeping an additional truck in Dennison and add equipment back into the Dennison Fire Hall on Main Street.

Other local community events and activities the club supports is the annual Dennison Days Festival, The Halloween Pizza and Game Party at City Hall , Thanksgiving Turkey Bingo, Christmas with Santa and Christmas Sharing, The Flake Out Festival (The Clubs winter community event in February) and annual Spring breakfast.

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**Pictured to the right:**  
**Some of the founding members of the Dennison Lions Club, shown here at their first Christmas Party held at Dennison City Hall around 1977.**

**Pictured L-R Back Row: Chuck Zimmerman (Farmer), Ray Stenhaug (Stenhaug Oil Co.), SANTA, Richard Holten (Area Farmer), Art Nelson (Area Farmer). Front Row: Norm Gregerson (Postmaster), Mel Johnson (Mel's A G Food Store) and Walt Sorenson (Farmer)**





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# All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

## Saturday, June 21


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# ...EUCHRE... TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 21, 2025  
8:30 a.m.  
at  
Fireside on the Patio

*Bring partner if possible, not required.*  
Questions? Contact Jen at 507-649-0602.



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All of these activities, in addition to the club's charitable gambling location at Fireside Lounge in Dennison, help raise funds to support these activities all year round. The club generally meets monthly to take care of the business of the club and plan events and activities in the town and the area.

The members acknowledge it can be a challenge to get new members to step up and be a part of this important community organization, but for the club to survive and continue doing this important hometown work, the Dennison Lions Club is always looking for local volunteers. The club understands everybody can't always make a monthly meeting, nor do you need to. Some members come in and help a couple times a year with various events but still stay a part of the club , community and what the lions' clubs stand for. If you are interested in getting involved more in the Dennison Lions Club, please reach out to lions president Diane Ruddle or any Lions Club member for more information.

**Our Story**

**1917 The Beginning**

Chicago business leader Melvin Jones

asked a simple and world-changing question – what if people made a commitment to improving their communities? More than a century later, Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs acting on the same simple idea – when Lions come together for the good of humanity, there's nothing we can't achieve.

**1920 Going International**

Just three years after our founding, Lions became international when we established the first club in Canada. Mexico followed in 1927. In the 1950s and 1960s, international growth accelerated, with new clubs in Europe, Asia and Africa.

**1925 Saving Sight**

Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, USA, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind." Since then, we have worked tirelessly to aid those who are blind or visually impaired.

**1945 Uniting Nations**

We were one of the first nongovernmental organizations invited to assist in the drafting of the United Nations Charter. We host an annual Lions Day with

the United Nations to continue our partnership and identify global solutions to the challenges facing humanity.

**1957 Organizing Youth Programs**

We started the Leo program to provide the youth of the world with an opportunity to serve and lead with Lions. There are approximately 180,000 Leos and 7,200 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

**1968 Establishing Our Foundation**

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) assists Lions with global and large-scale humanitarian projects. Through our global Foundation, Lions have received more than US\$1 billion in grants to help meet the needs of their local and global communities.

**1990 Launching SightFirst**

Through the support of LCIF, Lions are restoring sight and preventing blindness on a global scale with the SightFirst program. Launched in 1990, Lions have raised more than US\$351 million for this initiative that targets the major causes of blindness.

**2017 Celebrating Our Centennial**

Lions celebrate a century of service by serving more than 250 million people around the world through a special Cen-

tennial Service Challenge.

**2018 Rallying Around Global Causes**

Lions unite to support the global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global focus, diabetes. LCIF launches Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service to raise US\$300 million to increase the service impact of Lions around the world.

**2020 Responding to COVID-19**

Lions found innovative ways to safely serve their communities during this global health crisis. Our global Foundation, LCIF, donated millions of dollars in emergency grant funds, providing critical supplies and equipment to hospitals, medical clinics and emergency management systems, including front-line health care workers and first responders.

**Our Service**

**Kindness matters to Lions.**

Our motto is "We Serve" and Lions put it into action every day. We're caring men and women who come together to be the difference in our communities. We believe we can do so much more together than we can alone.

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1st Prize  
\$500!



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# DENNISON DAYS RAFFLE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025**

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## Lions serve global causes.

Lions around the world are rallying around the five global causes of vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer and our new global focus, diabetes. We have set a goal of serving 200 million people a year through these causes and other humanitarian initiatives.

## Lions empower young people.

We believe young people are the leaders of tomorrow. And today. Our Leo

clubs give young people opportunities to become volunteers and service leaders, developing new skills and a lifelong passion for service. Approximately 180,000 Leos in 7,200 clubs are serving more than 140 countries worldwide. We also provide valuable local services to youth such as mentoring, health programs and scholarships. Internationally, we empower youth through our Peace Poster Contest, youth camps and exchanges, and the Lions Quest program that has

helped provide positive life skills to over 16 million students.

## Our Foundation empowers the service of Lions.

We also help our global neighbors through the support of our Foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). LCIF has awarded more than US\$1.1 billion in grants to support Lions' humanitarian projects. In 2020, LCIF donated millions of dollars in emergency grant funds during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, providing critical supplies and equipment to hospitals, medical clinics and emergency management systems, including front-line health

care workers and first responders.

## Lions are making a world of difference.

Every day, every way, Lions are investing their time, talents and resources in the communities where we live, work and serve. We believe there is no challenge that can't be overcome when we unite for good. Lions are a global force for good. Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world, with more than 1.4 million members in 48,000 clubs serving 200 countries and geographic areas worldwide. Since our founding in 1917, we have been proving that where there's a need, there's a Lion.

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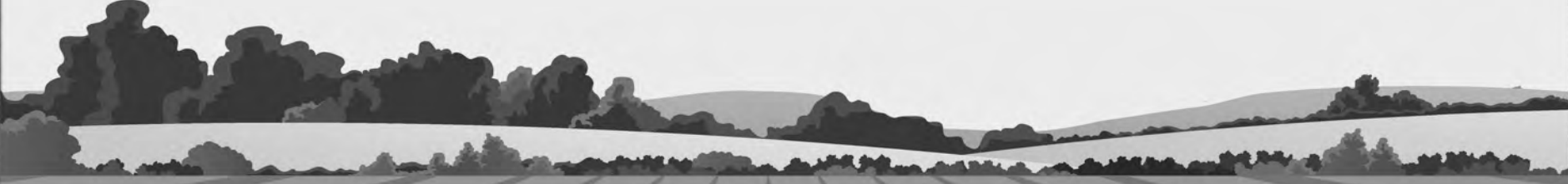
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8a.m.	<b>Farmers Market Downtown</b> <b>Citywide Garage Sales</b> <b>Classic Car Show on Mainstreet</b> Presented by Clutchmen Car Club. Registration \$10. Trophies at 1p.m. Contact Jason Aldorfer 612-203-4172
8:30a.m.	<b>Euchre at Fireside Lounge</b> For information, contact Jen Eggum 507-649-0602
9:00a.m.	<b>Scavenger Hunt - \$100 Cash Prize!</b> Meet and sign up at the tent. Hunt will begin at 9am.
10a.m.	<b>Antique Tractor Pull Begins on the Hill</b> Sign up begins at 8:30a.m. <b>Cow Milking Contest</b> Main Street, hosted by David Flom Dairy
11a.m.	<b>Food Stands Open</b> <b>Kids Pedal Tractor Pull on Mainstreet (At Mainstreet intersection)</b> Sign up begins at 10:30a.m.
Noon	<b>Kids Bingo</b> Under the tent. Presented by Dennison Lions. Ages 3-11 <b>Kickball Tournament</b> Hosted by 625 Bar & Grill. Sign up at 625 Bar & Grill
1:00p.m.	<b>Car Show Trophies Awarded</b>
1-3p.m.	<b>Kids Carnival</b>
1:30p.m.	<b>Parade Downtown - A Kiddie Parade Leads Off Main Parade</b> (Ages 12 & Under) <b>\$100.00 Prize for Best Parade Entry!</b> Sign up at Noon. South Mainstreet. Call 507-645-9992
2:30p.m.	<b>625 Bar &amp; Grill Bags Tournament - Prizes for 1st, 2nd &amp; 3rd Place!</b> Sign up at 625 or call 507-782-9061
4:00p.m.	<b>Purse &amp; Gift Card Bingo</b> Presented by Dennison Lions & Fireside Lounge
6:30p.m.	<b>Key Toss - \$150 Cash Prize!</b> Across from Fireside Lounge
7:00p.m.-12a.m.	<b>Live Music - Russ Franek &amp; The Biscuits</b> 18+ event. No Cover Charge. 21 to drink. Presented by ProBuilt Construction and Fireside Lounge & Supper Club

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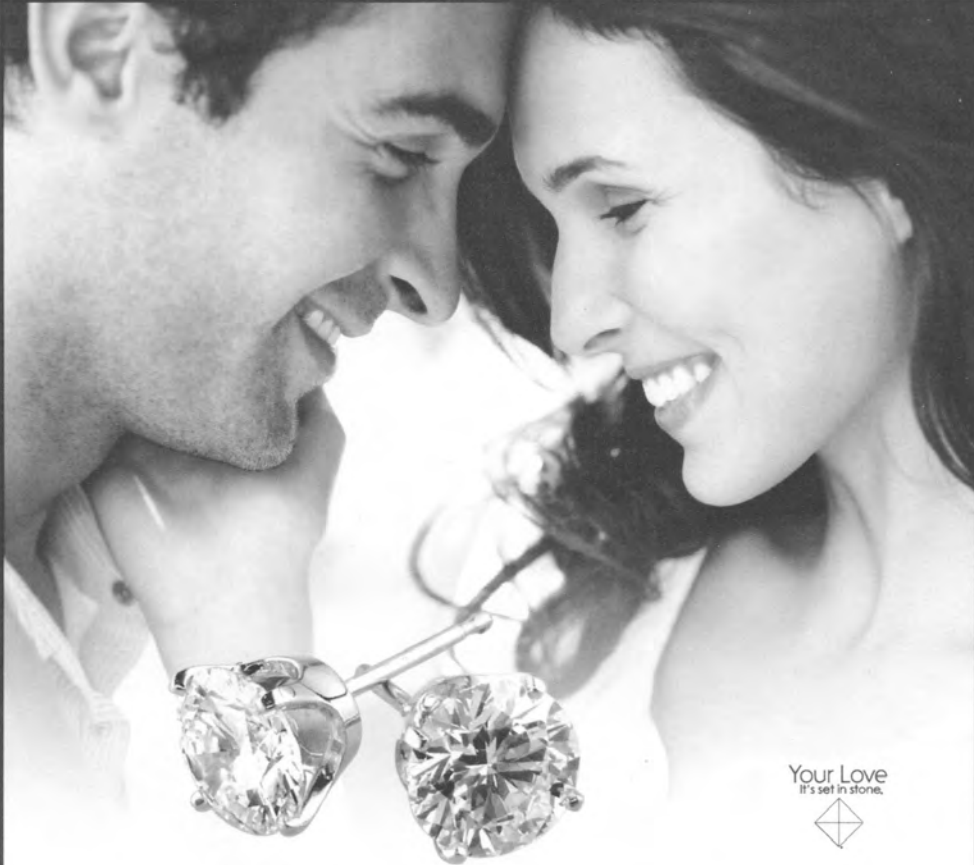


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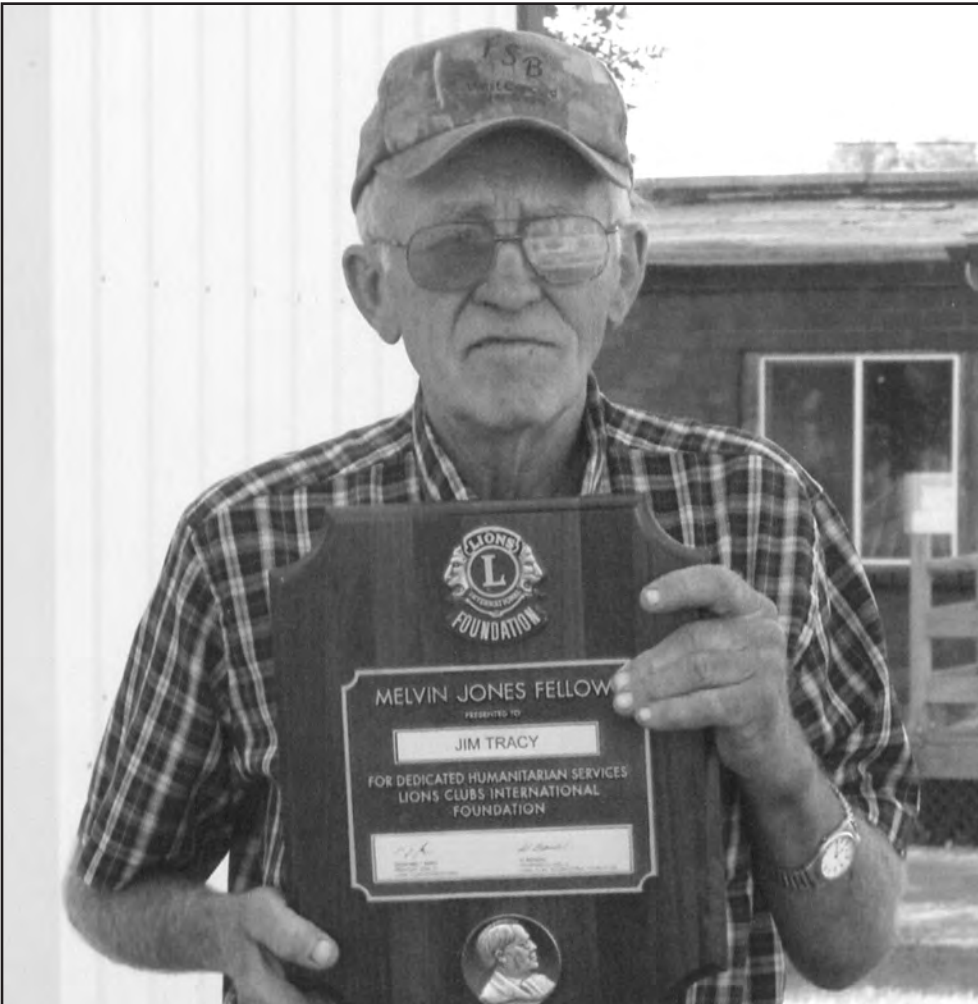


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4:00 p.m. - Midway Opens

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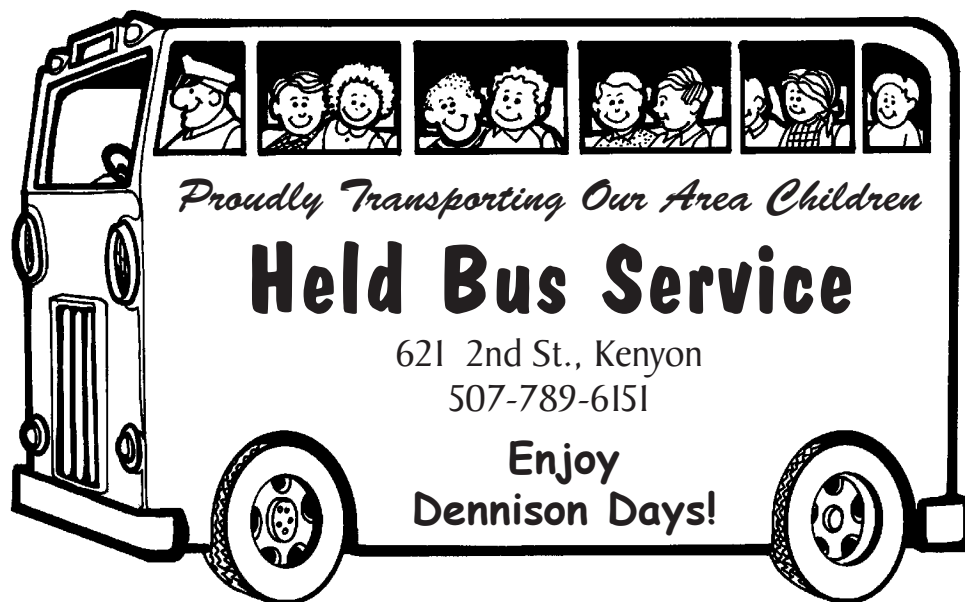
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